

CHAPTER THREE

STATE ABSENTEE REGISTRATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

ALABAMA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)		§
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____		
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.		
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)		6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) (E)
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SEX c. RACE (A)	7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
M M D D Y Y		
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)		8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP (B)	c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)		a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.
a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	M M D D Y Y	(E) b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)		c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE (C)	d. STATE	d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.
e. COUNTY OR PARISH	f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known)	e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.
		f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)		g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.
	(D)	h. The information on this form is true and complete.
		i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (G)
		j. DATE (H)
		M M D D Y Y
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)		9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)
		DATE SIGNED
		M M D D Y Y

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

A. You are requested to fill out this box. This data is requested from some states by the Department of Justice in their enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list: AI = American Indian or Alaskan Native; AP = Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B = Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H = Hispanic; M = Multi-racial; NH = Native Hawaiian; W = White, not of Hispanic Origin; O = Other.

B. Do not leave blank. Enter not applicable if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

C. Provide the complete street address of your Alabama voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station."

D. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address.

E. If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

F. Check ONE box.

G. Sign and date here in the presence of an oath-taking official if you are not yet registered.

H. A notary public, commissioned officer, consular officer, or other authorized person must complete this section if you are not yet registered.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Alabama and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. When To Do It

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for the primary and primary run-off election. You must submit a separate FPCA for the general election or for any other election more than 30 days apart (for local, state and Federal offices).

(1) **To register and apply for an absentee ballot**, send a completed FPCA to the Board of Registrars so that it arrives not later than 10 days before the election.

If you are registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the absentee election manager so that it arrives not less than five days before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot so that it arrives by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election.

Local absentee election managers begin mailing ballots 40 days before an election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirement

The FPCA used to register must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, consular officer or other person authorized to administer oaths.

If you are only requesting a ballot, the oath section need not be completed.

The absentee ballot return envelope contains an affidavit which must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, notary or other person authorized to administer oaths, or two witnesses (18 years or older).

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Alabama does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens and residents of Alabama, or overseas electors. The term “overseas elector” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Alabama.

- persons employed or studying outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- spouses and dependents of the above (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas electors (for Federal office ballots only)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony (unless civil rights restored), or judged mentally incompetent (unless disabilities removed) may not register or vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Persons may be stricken from the voter list if they no longer possess the qualifications for voting.

C. Action on Registration Requests

A registration certificate is sent.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA for registration to the Board of Registrars. Mail the FPCA request for an absentee ballot to

the Absentee Election Manager. Both are located at the county of voting residence, as listed below.

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Autauga	Prattville	36067-3049
Baldwin	Bay Minette	36507-1488
Barbour	Clayton	36016-0219
Bibb	Centreville	35042-2325
Blount	Oneonta	35121-1747
Bullock	Union Springs	36089-1600
Butler	Greenville	36037-2308
Calhoun	Anniston	36201-3841
Chambers	Lafayette	36862-1745
Cherokee	Centre	35960-1510
Chilton	Clanton	35045-3420
Choctaw	Butler	36904-2557
Clarke	Grove Hill	36451-0921
Clay	Ashland	36251-1120
Cleburne	Heflin	36264-1162
Coffee	Elba	36331-1247
Colbert	Tuscumbia	35674-2060
Conecuh	Evergreen	36401-2843
Coosa	Rockford	35136-0218
Covington	Andalusia	36420-3913
Crenshaw	Luverne	36049-2006
Cullman	Cullman	35055-4155
Dale	Ozark	36361-1350
Dallas	Selma	36701-4614
De Kalb	Fort Payne	35967-1991
Elmore	Wetumpka	36092-2725
Escambia	Brewton	36426-2041
Etowah	Gadsden	35901-3641
Fayette	Fayette	35555-2603
Franklin	Russellville	35653-2363
Geneva	Geneva	36340-2000
Greene	Eutaw	35462-1109
Hale	Greensboro	36744-1572
Henry	Abbeville	36310-2135
Houston	Dothan	36303-4513
Jackson	Scottsboro	35768-0397
Jefferson	Bessemer	35020-4907
Jefferson	Birmingham	35263-0110
Lamar	Vernon	35592-0338
Lauderdale	Florence	35630-5610
Lawrence	Moulton	35650-1553
Lee	Opelika	36801-4919
Limestone	Athens	35611-2561
Lowndes	Hayneville	36040-0065
Macon	Tuskegee	36083-1704
Madison	Huntsville	35801-4800
Marengo	Linden	36748-1500
Marion	Hamilton	35570-5570
Marshall	Guntersville	35976-1108
Mobile	Mobile	36602-2613
Monroe	Monroeville	36461-0008
Montgomery	Montgomery	36104-4209
Morgan	Decatur	35601-1926
Perry	Marion	36756-0478
Pickens	Carrollton	35447-0460
Pike	Troy	36081-1147
Randolph	Wedowee	36278-0249
Russell	Phenix City	36867-5142
St. Clair	Ashville	35953-3231
Shelby	Columbiana	35051-0467
Sumter	Livingston	35470-0070
Talladega	Talladega	35161-0755
Tallapoosa	Dadeville	36853-1318
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	35401-1859
Walker	Jasper	35501-5390
Washington	Chatom	36518-0146
Wilcox	Camden	36726-1702
Winston	Double Springs	35553-0147

“One Vote Could Change History!! Be The Deciding One!!”

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